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RE: Docket #17-179 Sinclair and Tribune

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to vigorously protest the proposed combination of Sinclair and Tribune media. It will provide too much concentration of media in the hands of a company that has clearly demonstrated a strong bias that is harming democracy. No media companies should be allowed this reach into so many markets. There is already too much concentration and it is critical that we roll back what had already occurred, not allow more. The "must runs" dictated by the corporate center of this entity are deceptively "local" and clearly propagandistic.

I studied the FCC and these issues for a book I co-authored with Dr. Leonard Sayles (Professor Emeritus, Columbia University), and was alarmed by my findings. It is your role as FCC to protect the public interest, and allowing the kinds of holdings that this combination will create, and that Rupert Murdoch and others have already accumulated, is unconscionable. You need to go the other direction and break up the concentration that has been allowed to date.

Sincerely,



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